

NE Elementary Community Boundary Study Public Email Log: 10/24/17 to 11/01/17

Date: 10/24/2017, 1617 hrs

Name: Hoon Kim

To whom it may concern, My name is Hoon Kim, and I currently reside in PB30 area near Chapel Hill Elementary School. I would like to take this opportunity to express my concerns regarding possible redistricting of the school zone. I strongly believe that the community that we belong to should remain in the zone that will be continuously attending Chapel Hill Elementary School instead of being moved to a different school based on the following reasons:

1. My family and I believe moving the community to the new elementary school will pose safety concerns for children who will have to walk to school that will involve crossing a major 4 lane blvd. way that reaches vehicles' speed upto 50+ mph easily in Honeygo Blvd.
2. Furthermore, we believe our close proximity and close community ties make our community a fit for Chapel Hill Elementary School. We will have homes less than 0.6 miles away from Chapel Hill Elementary School which will be much closer than other schools nearby.
3. We believe our diversity has been and will continue to be a welcome benefit to remain with the Chapel Hill Elementary School.

Based on some of the strong reasons I pointed out above, my family I would like you or the appropriate committee to reconsider keeping PB30 where it is now and stop from moving into the new school as currently planned.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration! Sincerely yours, Hoon Kim PB30

Date: 10/24/2017, 2246 hrs

Name: Craig Blinke

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Craig Blinke. I live with my family of 4 children under the age of 7 in the ParkSide Community (PB30) right next to Honeygo Park. My neighbors and I have recently started getting involved in the rezoning process and I was hoping you could give me some advice of how to be efficient with our time in hopes of having our voices heard. We have spent many hours and days as a community diving deeper into this process (that most of us don't remember ever hearing anything about until recently).

When looking into the current maps and reviewing the decision making criteria attached below, we have been scratching our heads as to why we would be excluded from Chapel Hill. We live right off of Honeygo. (Honeygo National Speedway) There are no lights between Ebenezer and Joppa. Therefore, most cars go over 60-70 mph in this stretch with no lights breaking up the traffic. For some reason we have been added to the new schools maps, on every option. Asking a bus (that accelerates slowly) to make a right onto Honeygo, change lanes and then stay at a light to make a left, is much less safe than a bus making a right onto Honeygo and then another right onto Joppa. There is also an enormous safety concern is god forbid one of our children got ambitious and decided to walk home from or to school for any reason. We walk to Chapel Hill all the time now and the fact that there are sidewalks makes it very safe, not to mention we are less than .5 mile from the school.

There is no better boundary to use than Honeygo Blvd. The maps have the new school zone crossing over Honeygo closer to the library, which makes more sense. This area has a light at both Joppa and the shopping center to break up traffic up enough to slow folks down.

At the meeting last night, someone suggested moving plots PB 26 and PB 25 into the new school as well. Their reasoning was that they thought the pupil number were off because folks that couldn't afford single family homes from areas further down root 7 would move into the apartments increasing head count at Chapel Hill. (around the 1:14:00 on the recorded meeting video) This would put all 3 areas of apartments in Perry Hall to the new school. As the husband of an educator in the city and prior experience in the Greater Baltimore Committee's Leadership Program and other, this feels like income discrimination to me. It would make sense to have a mix of all income levels, races and other at every school. This is what a good public education is all about. By putting only new build single family homes in Chapel Hill, this does the exact opposite.

My suggestion would be to use Honeygo Highway as the natural boundary that it is. Therefore, PB 30, 26, and 24 would all be a part of Chapel Hill. This allows for the natural boundary to be utilized (Honeygo Blvd), at the same time keeps Chapel Hill will a better mix of both income and race/class/gender diversity. They are planning the new school to be at 98% capacity with no room for expansion class rooms. Our neighborhood is established with no room for development. 75% of our attending children come from a newly developed street. As our kids get into middle school, next 3-8 years, our enrollment will drop significantly. (this can also be backed up by the limited number of home sales we have had in the past 5 years). It would make more sense to shift kids to Chapel Hill and Vincent Farm that have capacity for mobile units. The new school would have absurdly high classroom sizes right out of the gate because there is not room for mobile units on site without taking from the parking lots or playground.

Additionally, the county has been wrong many times before in regards to number of enrollment for new build apartments and communities. If for some reason, PB 30, 26 and 24 all went to the new school, it could over capacity day one. If the market has another blip, some of the expected development may not even happen and we are stuck with a few schools under capacity and a bunch over. We are concerned about giving uneven relief to Chapel Hill and Vincent Farm, when Carney and Joppa View suffer at well over 110%. Chapel Hill has performed amazingly, testing wise while over capacity for years, I imagine this trend of educational excellence will only continue no matter what the new enrollment is. It may make more sense to plan for what we are actually facing at this very moment and not a slew of eventualities that may not even occur. (remember all the empty unbuild communities from 2008-2015?) Not using Honeygo as a natural boundary and yet pulling from across route 7 and even train tracks is some scenarios, doesn't make logistical sense.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration. Kind regards, Craig Blinke

What do members of the boundary study committee consider as they develop a recommendation?

To develop a recommendation that is implementable, effective, and successful, the boundary study committee may consider:

- o Efficient use of available space and other resources.
- o Long-range enrollment and capacity needs.
- o Natural boundaries such as reservoirs and rivers and major infrastructure barriers such as railroad tracks and highways.
- o Elimination of existing satellite boundaries (attendance areas of schools that are not connected to the main boundary).
- o Supporting effective feeder school patterns.
- o Minimizing the number of times any one student is reassigned.
- o Phasing in boundary changes by grade level for high schools and for all schools based on when construction projects are complete and ready for new students.
- o Maintaining diversity among all involved schools.
- o Other considerations that may be specific to the goals of a particular boundary change.

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Date: 10/25/2017, 0843 hrs

Name: Jennifer Manlapaz

Comments: I am asking that the committee strongly review the boundaries for Oakleigh Elementary. We are closer to Villa Cresta and Harford Hills than Oakleigh and yet if you look at the boundaries and consider the population captured, it could be considered discrimination-Villa Cresta excludes the Ridge Garden apartments which are closer to it than Oakleigh and Oakleigh's boundary goes far down Putty Hill which does not make any logistical sense except to plump up other schools' great numbers while Oakleigh's continue to struggle. The school is overcrowded and in need of the boundary to be redistributed. Thank you.

Date: 10/25/2017, 1504 hrs

Name: Bruce Routzahn

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2. Splitting our diverse community from those that live in Honeygo Village (this area was designed to be one larger community - Villages of Honeygo, which the current proposal divides). Additionally since we are only 3 tenths (3/10) of a mile from Chapel Hill we currently can walk safely to community, sports and school activities at Chapel Hill elementary.

3. Our continued inclusion into Chapel Hill Elementary has minimal impact over time, as there is little ability to further develop our community as we are surrounded by a protected forest buffer zone. Also many of the current children will age out of elementary school over the next couple of years.

4. There are natural geographic boundaries of Honeygo Blvd and Honeygo Run Park which should also be considered in the redistricting process

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I will be attending the meeting on Oct. 25th

Bruce Routzahn 9003 Sunni Shade Ct 443-253-8786

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Date: 10/26/2017, 0921 hrs

Name: Sara Baker

Mr. Roberts and Ms. Lichter,

I am writing to request that you strongly consider using Open Door as the before- and after-school program at the new Northeast Elementary School. I realize that there are many programs to choose from, but as a parent of a Chapel Hill Elementary School student who current attends Open Door, I cannot speak highly enough about the program and its staff.

I was unable to attend last night's boundary meeting in person, but I viewed it and the three proposed boundary maps for the Northeast School last night. Thank you for making this information so accessible to the community. Unfortunately, I learned that all three options will redistrict my children out of Chapel Hill Elementary and into the new Northeast School. This is upsetting to my family, who has built a second family with many of the students, faculty and staff at Chapel Hill, but I understand and respect that you must select boundaries that work for the community as a whole.

Many of the families who will find themselves transitioning to a new school next year are currently Open Door families. Open Door has become a home away from home for us. I've never seen a higher quality before- and after-school program. The staff is caring, attentive and professional; the atmosphere is welcoming and organized, and the curriculum is outstanding. I know that I speak for many other families when I say that we MUST bring Open Door to the new Northeast School.

Half of the students at Northeast will be former Chapel Hill students, many of whom are also part of the Open Door family. During a time of great transition next year, these students and families would find comfort and continuity in being able to continue with Open Door. I also know that Northeast families who are new to Open Door will quickly come to love and appreciate it.

I've heard that Hot Spots Extended Care Program is also being considered for the new Northeast School. I feel strongly that Hot Spots is not as strong a program as Open Door.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sara Baker

Mother to Natalie and Hailey Baker

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Date: 10/26/2017, 0949 hrs

Name: John Kantorski

Hi Melissa,

Thanks for all your help at the session last night. Quick Q: Is there a reason that Chase ES and Oliver Beach ES couldn't be considered for relief for Vincent Farm? There are 180 open seats there from the 2016-17 projections.
Thanks!

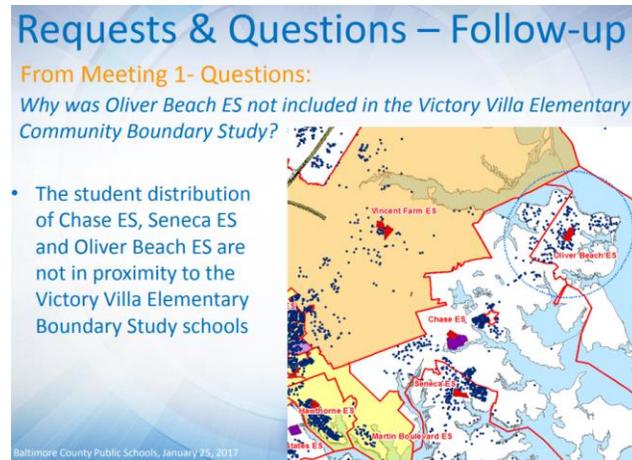
Response:

Good Afternoon Mr. Kantorski,

A similar question was asked by the Victory Villa Community Boundary Study Committee, attached please find the a slide from meeting 2 of that study that addresses this question. We will also incorporate this into the follow-up questions at the next meeting.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Melissa Appler



Date: 10/26/2017, 1350 hrs

Name: Nick Connis

Hi, I understand that there has been discussion about keeping Joppa View Elementary (JVE) (among others) overcrowded until the Ridge Road Site (RRS) is constructed and ready in 2020. It's anticipated that RRS would alleviate overcrowding at JVE. My question is where would that relief come from? The only region that can reach RRS in less than 10 minutes (traffic @ 8:30 am, no stops other than typical M-F traffic) is PB 161 (PB33, 35, 53, 61, 62, 63 are bordering 10 minutes).

I only bring this up because I would hate to discover that today's intentions would not be realized in the 2019 boundary study for 2020; thereby putting more stress on these already overcrowded schools. If overcrowding is going to be a factor for the next boundary study, the PB regions that potentially may be impacted need to be highlighted for this study (previous mentioned ones are possibilities I suppose). For example, if PB 161 goes to RRS (260 students, 37% of Vincent Farms Elementary (VFE)!) then we shouldn't be grossly under-utilizing VFE's capacity. I would just like to avoid any potential issues in the future by making uninformed decisions today. Albeit, I haven't looked at student ratios or any other criteria other than student numbers. If we're going to estimate new construction, then we also need to estimate which PB regions may move.
Thank you, Nick Connis

Date: 10/26/2017, 1454 hrs

Name: Christine Charlton

Comments: Seven Oaks Elementary doesn't strike me as being overcrowded, but both B and C options take students from my neighborhood and put them at Gunpowder Elementary, when we're only three blocks from Seven Oaks. I have no desire to uproot my kids in their last year at Seven Oaks to go to a school that is not in our neighborhood.

Date: 10/26/2017, 1601 hrs

Name: Fawn Leipold

Comments: i am disappointed that all 3 options will change my address to seven oaks. i bought my home last year and partly to the fact it was a Carney district. i went to Carney and my 7 yr old now attends. i feel she will suffer the most bu having to switch schools. the sense id community we have will be hindered. children thrive in stable familiar environments and i wanted her to grow in Carney elementary. Very disappointed with the 3 options

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Date: 10/26/2017, 1917 hrs

Name: Stefanie Elizabeth

Boundary Committee,

I have recently read many concerns and heard the concerns of the community considered PB 30. I have heard many of these concerns regarding safety and diversity. I believe that safety and diversity should be considered as the boundary process continues. I believe that we can address both of those concerns with the options that the committee has presented (option B & C). With this community's request to stay as a part of Chapel Hill, there will be an impact on Chapel Hill or Vincent Farm. If this community rejoins, that will cause an increase in the enrollment at Chapel Hill. If this community rejoins and we do not alleviate the numbers at Vincent Farm Elementary, there will be safety concerns at Vincent Farm due to the enrollment numbers and projected developments. Regarding diversity, it is already addressed in the options presented by the boundary committee. The Fieldcrest community attending Chapel Hill diversity will be similar to PB-30 community. With regards to safety, I believe that the transportation concern presented by PB 30 community members can be addressed. On the school bus, this could be addressed by making a right onto Joppa, going around the circle and then the bus will have the light at Honeygo and Joppa to cross Honeygo Blvd. Another option could be continue down Honeygo with longer time to make a left on Cross Rd. continue to Chapel or Snyder Ln. and enter to the new NE school this way. If we are focused on student safety, Vincent Farm Elementary School has a current enrollment of 935, it will receive some relief from the Victory Villa boundary study, but the potential for growth in the Vincent Farm School district is huge. We need to consider all schools for student safety. It is important that as a committee and a county, we are looking at all factors not focusing on just one or two. We must look out for all students. Stefanie Wright, parent

Date: 10/26/2017, 2109 hrs

Name: Dorman

Comments: My child (one of two) is in PB76. I approve of the changes (any of them). Every option will mean that my kindergarten child will attend a different school for 1st grade. I appreciate the early notice and can prep my child accordingly. Thank you for being so transparent during this process.

Date: 10/26/2017, 2253 hrs

Name:

I am opposed to my child moving from Joppa view to Perry Hall Elem

Date: 10/28/2017, 1033 hrs

Name: Denise Mueller

I was just informed that the 3 options proposed were my neighborhood moving to the new school. I live off of Winkler on Bush street. My kids are not bus riders and I take them. It's sad that I have to drive right past Chapel Hill to get them to school. I am very unhappy as my child will be in 2nd grade and has anxiety. Not to mention the fact that we are the furthest away from the new school. I live right on the boundary. I am hoping that this is reconsidered because it doesn't seem at all fair to me that we have to go that far. I just moved here because it was Chapel Hill so I am extremely upset. Thanks for your consideration.

Date: 10/30/2017, 1311 hrs

Name: Meg O'Hare

Dear Dr. Cuellar, Mr. Roberts, and Ms. Byers, I was only made aware by Councilman David Marks late last week of that Carney Elementary School is included in the redistricting process for the new Perry Hall elementary school to be built. I was amazed that Carney Elementary School was included in this redistricting because it will be over capacity to 113% not too far in the future. I was surprised to know that BCPS Community Zone 1 and Zone 3 each have 1 school involved in this redistricting while all the rest are in Zone 2 in which all the other schools are located. I was also puzzled as to why Perry Hall students who live in Dunfield residential community have been bused to Oakleigh Elementary School for many years. Now it seems that all the proposed options for redistricted will significantly increase the percent of FARM (poor) students at Carney Elementary School and it will then have the highest number of FARM students of any of the schools included in the group of schools involved in this redistricting. In fact, it seems as if Carney (Zone 1) was included in this redistricting to enable Perry Hall (Zone 2) to dump move poverty from Oakleigh Elementary (Zone 3) on Carney Elementary School (Zone 1) by moving the Perry Hall located Dunfield residential area on Carney and Carney Elementary School. It was so difficult to find the information on the Redistricting. However, there is a prominent web banner at the top of page one of the BCPS Website "Name the New Northeast Elementary School". I would think that the redistricting meeting would be prominently displayed to encourage community input, but it is not. To find information on the redistricting: Step 1 Go to the bottom left of the opening page and select "Construction and Relief Strategies Update" New Construction and Boundary Changes Victory Villa Elementary School Northeast Elementary School Lansdowne Elementary School Step 2 Select Northeast Elementary School Relief Strategies Update in the Northeast Area Read the entire webpage Step 3 Select Background Step 4 Select 2017-2018 New Northeast Elementary Committee Boundary Study Timeline, Updated 7/03/17 ? I hope that for future redistricting, the BCPS policy will require that the process include the community members/leaders whose property values will be impacted by the redistricting?. I would also hope that notices for such important meetings as the one taking place on October 25th at Perry Hall High School will be advertised more prominently on the the BCPS website. Sincerely, Meg O'Hare Carney Improvement Association President

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Date: 10/30/2017, 1708 hrs

Name: John Kantorski

In light of the Public Feedback and other considerations, here is a proposed boundary map, using Option B as the starting point:

PB116/PB113 change: Move 4105, 4107, 4109, and 4111 Pine Hill Rd from PHES to Gunpowder. No reason to have one side of a 9 house street going to one school and the other side going to another.

PB63 moves from Carney to PHES (32 students). This is part of the Belmont community (PB62 and PB63), and should be part of the Ridge Rd redistricting in 2020. This and PB62 (63 students) are the natural and most obvious choice to move to the Ridge Rd school. That moves 95 students from PHES in 2020, putting them below capacity at that point, with zero new development coming to the area, and puts Carney in a similar situation now, again with no new major development coming to that area.

PB134 moves from New NE School to Kingsville (10 students). Dangerous left turn onto Belair Rd to get to NE school. Natural right turn to get to Kingsville.

PB30, PB26, PB162, and PB 164 move from NEES to Chapel Hill ES (60 students PLUS TBD apartment population). This maintains Rule 1280 guidance to use major roads as a boundary and helps with a dangerous turn. This also helps give the new school real relief and provides increased diversity to CHES that is missing with the current boundary change options.

PB11, PB12, PB9, PB8, and PB5 remain at Vincent Farm (138 students). This might not be a popular move, but it makes sense for a lot of reasons:

1) PB9, PB11, and PB12 have said they are one community. So we can't just move one of them. However, the only way to give Chapel Hill relief and keep the NEES low is to move something on this side, so they all go together. PB10 exits onto Rt 7 and is NOT a part of these communities. None of PB9-11-12 empty onto Rt 7. If there are other PBs we can move to give CHES relief, we should discuss this. Also, I have heard from a number of parents there that they want to stay at Vincent Farm. Anecdotal, but this is from the residents.

2) They are currently part of the VFES community. So this helps lower the number of students affected. And given their northern location in respect to VFES and the new Ridge Rd school, they would not be subject to move again with the Ridge Rd or Red House Run redistricting to the far south.

3) They are ~3 miles from both schools, so distance is not an issue. Both have plenty of traffic lights, so turns and road safety is less of an issue.

4) NEES cannot handle trailers, so we need to keep them as clear as possible. To do that CHES needs to take students. But CHES has over 75 (and probably closer to 100) students coming. Almost all the new development from the BCPS-provided development maps is taking place in CHES and VFES. But VFES has more potential relief (which I will get to). CHES has no relief coming after this effort.

CHES has (from the development handout from the previous meeting):

#8 OVERLOOK AT HONEYGO - 6 students

#18 STRAWBRIDGE COMMONS PUD - 22 students

#30 COWENTON NORTH - 17 students

#32 MEADOWS AT HONEYGO - 22 students

#33 COWENTON SOUTH - 19 students

That is 86 students. #33 - Cowenton South is the 200 apartments we have discussed previously, which I dispute would only add 19 students. No other large apartment complex in the area has less than ~60-70 students.

This also does not take into account the Vince's Auto Parts location on Rt 7, which was upzoned by our County Council rep last year and was sold recently to a developer. It is zoned to built up to 155 townhomes, firmly in the CHES district.

5) VFES has more chances at relief:

- The Ridge Rd redistricting MUST include VFES. PB161 contains 260 students in multiple connected townhome communities. These communities are currently 5 miles from VFES crossing many heavily used roads and intersections. They would be 1.8 miles from the Ridge Rd school, on all side roads. They would barely touch anything more than a two lane road and no more than ONE traffic light to get to the Ridge Rd school. So there's 260 students of relief for VFES in 2020.

- PB1 could be split for the Ridge Rd redistricting at Rt 43 on the north and Rt 7 on the east. There is a potential for apartments and outlets here, although that plan is in the dustheap at this point. Send that modified PB to the Ridge Rd school as well. There is more than enough open space at the Ridge Rd school, especially considering the 200 seat Red House Run expansion.

- The biggest piece of development in VFES is at #7 GREENLEIGH AT CROSSROADS - 273 students. Firstly, this isn't built out yet, and is years off from completion. Ridge Rd redistricting will be done which would almost equal this development. So that's a potential wash. However, even more obvious is that Chase Elementary is currently ~70 students under capacity. And the houses that are currently going in at Greenleigh and to the south would be 1.7 miles from Chase Elementary and almost 4 miles to Vincent Farm. As well, Oliver Beach Elementary is 80 students under capacity, so some children could shift from Chase to OBES to give more relief to the Rt 43 corridor.

- #21 - The Preserve at Windlass Run has 77 projected students, so even if you didn't rezone Chase ES and OBES, they would be the obvious choice (as one whole community) to go to Chase ES, which has about 77 open spots.

So between Ridge Rd ES and Chase ES, that's 337 of the 381 students projected to come to VFES that can be moved elsewhere.

6) NEES cannot take trailers. CHES and VFES can. No matter what we do, CHES is going to fill back up again, just like it did when VFES took a lot of the population away 10 years ago. So CHES will have trailers again soon enough. So will VFES, I'm sure. CHES is taking over 60 students from NEES (probably more in the apartments to be built), and has enough kids coming to fill CHES right back up in the same amount of time as VFES.

7) VFES would have a clean contiguous border and boundary layout, using the same Rt 7 border it's always had on the west, continuing down to the southern edge.

Conclusion:

This would put the numbers at:

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	Utilization	
	+/-	%
Carney	-17	97%
Chapel Hill	-75	88%
Gunpowder	-12	97%
Joppa View	119	118%
Kingsville	17	105%
NE Area	-86	88%
Oakleigh	5	99%
Perry Hall	88	116%
Seven Oaks	-3	99%
Vincent Farm	52	107%

Again, I know this may not be a popular stance to take, and as a parent at CHES, people may say I'm focusing on CHES. I am concerned with the schools where this is the "last chance" for relief and schools that have potential relief out there. But the facts are all laid out here, and I think it is worth a logical discussion as an option.
Thanks. John ---- John Kantorski

Date: 11/01/2017, 0741 hrs

Name: John Kantorski

Hello, I'm a member of the NE boundary study committee. I follow BCPS on Facebook and I have not seen any posts about the survey for the public. Is there a reason why? I noticed there was a post to name the new school but nothing in regards to the survey. We were strongly encouraged to get our fellow community members to take the survey and I think it would help if a post was made so the public is aware.
Thank You, Nicole DiPietro